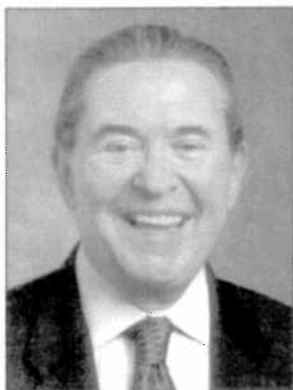


Editorial



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Henry Yokoyama MD

October 6, 1923 – February 2, 2005

The Hawaii Medical Journal, and indeed all of Hawaii, lost a great friend when Henry Yokoyama passed away.

Henry's regular column "News and Notes" was by far the most popular column in the Journal for more than 40 years. Despite his busy practice, Henry was able to attend hospital staff conferences in Honolulu and report on the presentations. In his concise writing style he got the message through to readers. He also added humor to Journal pages in "News and Notes" with his adaptations of items from JAMA, Readers Digest and Playboy.

Sam Allison, M.D. wrote "News & Notes" for many years, and is presently living in Pennsylvania with his wife Cecil to be near their family. While speaking with Sam recently about his oral history taping session at the Hawaii Medical Library, Sam told me that he is active in his retirement and looking forward to his 94th birthday. He recalled many fond memories working with Henry, and enjoyed reading Henry's "News & Notes" columns.

Henry assumed the "News & Notes" column in 1964 under the editorship of Harry Arnold, Jr., M.D.; later, Fred Reppun, M.D.; and since 1994, yours truly. His columns were typed, not entered on a computer, but he always got them in on time.

The Hawaii Herald did a feature story about Henry in September 1991, and it is reprinted on page 145. Even if you did not know Henry Yokoyama or have the opportunity to read his column, you will appreciate "Taking Notes on Dr. Henry Yokoyama" by Nathan Hokama.

Because of Henry's deep affection for the Hawaii Medical Journal over so many years, his widow Marjie and the family have established the "Henry Yokoyama Memorial Fund" to help the Journal continue its mission. Marjie Yokoyama started the Fund with more than 500 gifts received from Henry's friends and associates at his memorial service, with additional contributions from the Yokoyama family, the Memorial Fund is now assured. A tax-deductible contribution may be sent to the Hawaii Medical Foundation / Henry Yokoyama Fund for the H. M. J. These



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donations will not be subsumed by the Hawaii Medical Association's general fund or any other accounts, but will remain specifically for the Journal. Please mail your contribution to the HMA office, 1360 South Beretania Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96814.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Henry Yokoyama and his wife Marjie Masue had six children. Daughter Joanne presented this eulogy to their dad representing the thoughts of the entire family. (See page 146.)

Diane is a veterinarian in Dallas, Texas; Henry Jr. is with the Honolulu Fire Dept.; Joanne is presently Dean of Students at Mid-Pac Institute in Honolulu; Larry is in Family Practice also serving as an Emergency Room physician in Bakersfield, California; Roger is a dentist practicing in Honolulu; Suzanne is an internist with Kaiser Santa Teresa in Saratoga, California.